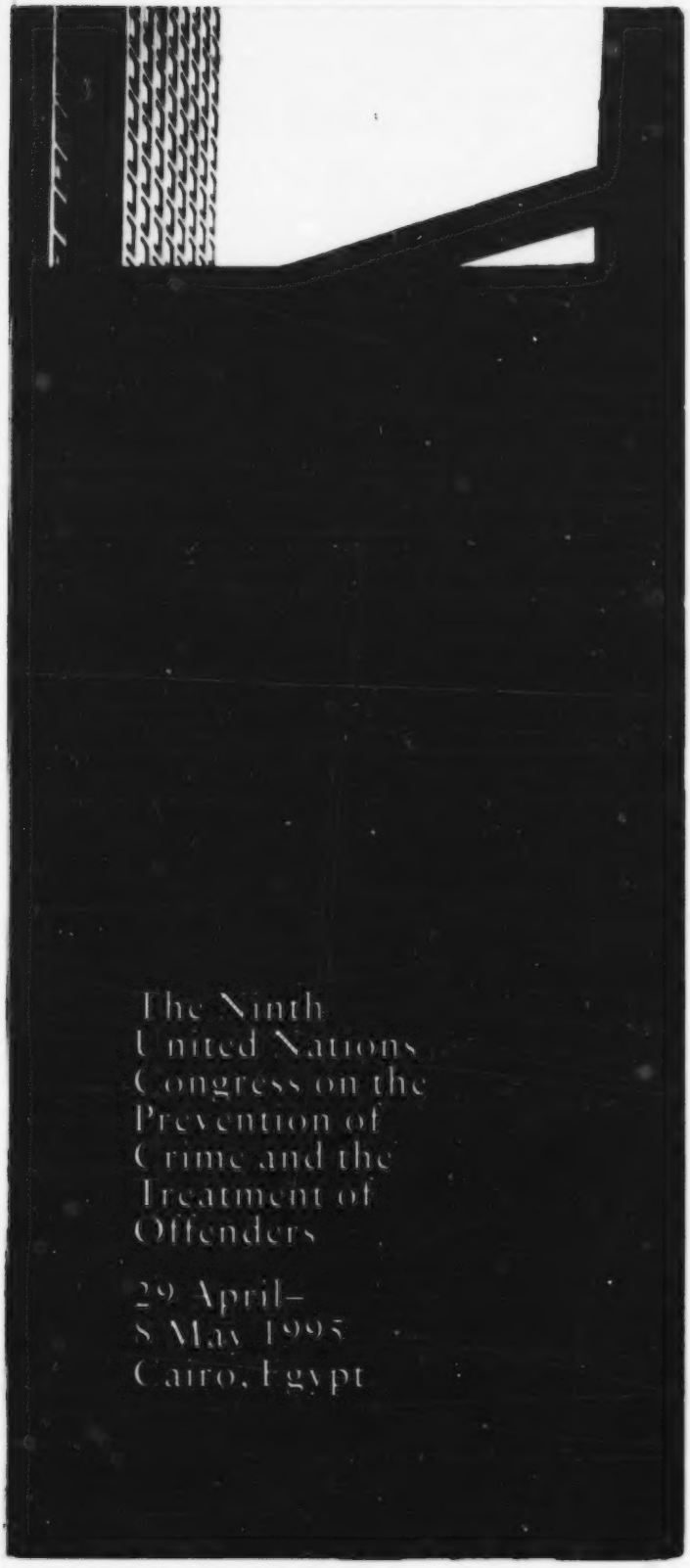

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Multinational crime syndicates, money laundering, crimes against the environment, crimes of violence, urban crime, crime among young people and violence inflicted on women—these subjects head the agenda of the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

Representatives of more than 180 Governments, of international agencies and of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as well as jurists, senior police officials, criminologists, penologists and other experts will compare national experiences, endorse policies and take steps to improve international cooperation.

Beginning in 1955, the UN Crime Congresses have become the primary global forum for presenting and developing criminal justice policies and coordinating international action.

The Ninth Crime Congress
will focus on the following topics:

- International cooperation and practical technical assistance for strengthening the rule of law;
- Economic and organized crime and the role of criminal law in the protection of the environment;
- Management of criminal justice systems: police, judiciary and prisons;
- Strategies for preventing urban crime and juvenile and violent criminality, including the question of victims' rights and redress.

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Background

In 1950, the General Assembly decided that an international Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders should be convened every five years. This continued a tradition established by the former International Penal and Penitentiary Commission (IPPC). Composed of experts and professionals from mostly European countries, the IPPC held quinquennial congresses from 1885 to 1910 and from 1925 to 1935.

From an early focus on penology and treatment of juvenile offenders, the scope of the UN Crime Congresses has broadened to include issues such as the relation between crime control and social and economic development and the appropriate responses to transnational crime. Many Congress recommendations have been approved by the General Assembly and become influential international instruments.

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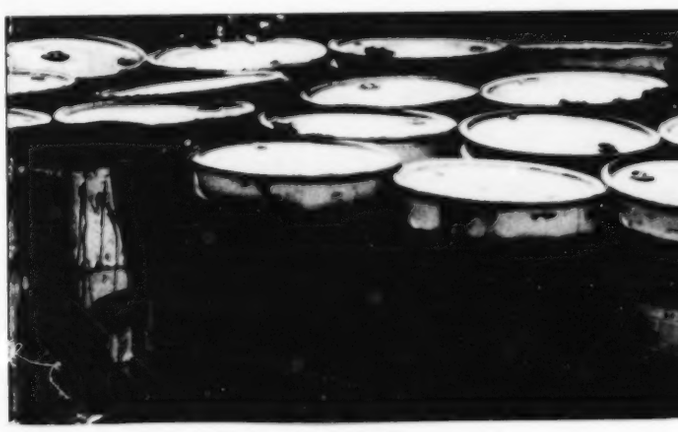

Preparation

Preparation for the 1995 Congress is assigned to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, a body of the UN Economic and Social Council. Composed of 40 UN Member States, the Commission sets UN criminal justice policy and oversees the UN crime prevention and criminal justice programme that provides technical assistance and advisory services and carries out action-oriented research. The programme cooperates closely with other UN organizations and bodies, such as the UN International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and the UN Centre for Human Rights.

The Commission secretariat—the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch—organized five regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress. Held in 1994 in Bangkok, Thailand; Kampala, Uganda; Vienna, Austria; San José, Costa Rica; and Amman, Jordan, the regional meetings were attended by representatives of Governments, international agencies and NGOs.

The work of the Ninth Congress has been facilitated by two major meetings also taking place in 1994: the *International Conference on Preventing and Controlling Money Laundering and the Proceeds of Crime*, held in June in Courmayeur, Italy; and the November *World Ministerial Conference on Organized Transnational Crime* in Naples, Italy.

Workshops

Demonstration and research workshops will be held on:

- Mass media and crime prevention;
- Extradition and international cooperation: an exchange of national experiences;
- Urban policy and crime prevention;
- International cooperation and assistance in the management of criminal justice systems: computerization of records and operations and the development, analysis and policy uses of criminal justice information;
- Prevention of violent crime;
- Environmental protection at national and international levels: potential and limits of criminalization.

Also taking place at the Ninth Congress:

- A plenary discussion on combating corruption of public officials;
- A symposium on computerization;
- Ancillary meetings for non-governmental organizations and professional associations.

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